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DIRECTORS' AND ALTERNATES' SALARIES

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1. AS WITH PREVIOUS ISSUE OF INCREASE IN IBRD/
IMF STAFF SALARIEZS, DANES (IN CONCERT WITH THEIR
NORDIC ASSOCIATES) ARE "NOT INCLINED TO BE ACTIVE
IN OPPOSITION," IN THE WORDS OF FONOFF OFFICIAL
IN CHARGE OF IBRD MATTERS (BJORN OLSEN). CENTRAL
BANK IS ALSO PREPARED TO ACCEPT INCREASE. AS
RESULT, WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO UNDERSTAND THAT
DANES WILL CONCUR IN PROPOSED REMUNERATION INCREASES.

2. WE HAD WIDELY CIRCULATED U.S. ARGUEMENTS AGAINST
INCREASES (REFTEL)TO NO APPARENT AVAIL. OLSEN
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POINTED OUT THAT, FROM NORDIC VIEWPOINT, THERE

IS GOOD ARGUMENT IN INCREASED ALLOWANCES FOR EDS AND AEDS SINCE NORDIC REPS ARE ROTATED EVERY TWO YEARAN THUS MAKING WASHINGTON AN EXPENSIVE TOUR. HE NOTED THAT LAST DANISH ED KASTOFT HAD TOLD HIM THAT HE COULD HAVE DONE BETTER FINAN- CIALY AS A DANISH AMBASSADOR THAN HE DID IN WASHINGTON ASSIGNMENT WITH ITS HIGH HOUSING AND ENTERTAIN- MENT COSTS. DANES THEREFORE FEEL THERE IS JUSTI- FICATION IN KEEPING ED SALARIES HIGH ENOUGH TO ATTRACT WORTHWHILE PRIPLE TO SERVE.

3. OLSEN ADDED THAT DANES ASSUME PROPOOSED IN- CREASE IN ALLOWANCES WOULD MEAN REDUCTION OR ELIMINATION OF OTHER SUPPLEMENTS NOW AVAILABLE FOR EDS. WHEN ENBOFF WONDERED WHETHER THIS WOULD AUTOMATICALLY FOLLOW, OLSEN INDICATED THAT DANES MIGHT WANT TO OBTAIN CLARIFICATION ON THIS POINT.

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